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To: Mayors and Council Members of Cedar Park, Leander and Round Rock

Dear Honorable Bob Lemon,

Pursuant to Council direction, I am sending this letter to express the consensus of our Council.

As you know, the cities of Cedar Park, Leander and Round Rock are seeking to construct an extremely large raw water intake facility and pipeline within the incorporated Village of Volente. The proposed site includes a lot platted as a neighborhood park and a public road in an established residential neighborhood containing many homes. Unfortunately, this site is completely inappropriate for an industrial pumping station and pipeline of this scope.

Volente is committed to finding a solution that allows Cedar Park, Leander and Round Rock to provide for their needs without adversely impacting the citizens of Volente. However, we are concerned that your project managers are not interested in any alternatives that might cause less harm to Volente if it costs your cities more money. In fact, instead of promptly providing detailed information as requested by our Council, your project managers hired a public relations firm to market the project to Volente residents. It appears your project representatives are concerned only about the taxpayers in your cities, and have not seriously considered the impact on our smaller municipality. Certainly this is not your intent.

We wish to overcome the apparent disregard for Volente's citizens. We are reaching out to the top municipal level. Volente once again requests that your decision makers analyze and consider the relative impact on Volente's residents of alternative sites and engineering designs. This seems only fair. In addition, we request the details of your decision to reject working with the City of Austin on a regional water plan using a single intake on Lake Travis.

We would like to engage with the decision makers to ensure that both your citizens and our citizens are treated fairly. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Cc: Senator Kirk Watson, Representative Donna Howard, County
Commissioner Gerald Daugherty, Representative Dan Gattis, City of Austin
Mayor Will Wynn